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Deal, April 7.

THis day arrived in the Downs the *Ruby* from the Streights. The whole Fleet of Merchant ships seawards bound, are yesterday and this day sailed with a fair wind.

Bristol, April 7. Yesterday Morning arrived here the *Bethesda* of this Port from *Cadix* in 19 dayes under the protection of several of His Majesties Fregats from the Streights. This day came in the *Pearl* from the same Voyage, several others humbly expected to follow her.

Lucerne, March 23. To Morrow is to be held the Assembly of the Swisse Cantons at *Baden*, in which we foresee there will be some Disputes, the Cantons being of several Opinions as to their Foreign Alliances. The Cantons of *Friburgh* and *Switz* have already received Moneys from *France*; and *Lucerne* upon the point of Treating, though expressly forbidden by the General Diet.

Rome, March 30. A Courier lately arriving from *Madrid*, assures His Holiness that the Court of *Spain* had Ordered 20. of their Gallies to be fitted up to joyn with the Popes Squadron for the succors of the Republick of *Venice*, of which the Pope ordered an account to be given to the Venetian Ambassador, who immediately dispatched away an Express to the Republick with the News.

On Monday last the Pope sent away an Express with his Pontifical Standard to the Duke de *Beaufort*, which is to be born aboard the French Admiral in this Expedition to *Candia*, in which Don *Vincenzo Rospigiosi* is declared Generalissimo, and the Duke de *Beaufort* to succeed him in that Charge in case of mortality.

On Monday last the Pope held a private Consistory, where the Secretary read to them the History of the Lives and Miracles said to have been done by *Peter d' Alexandria* and *Margalena de Ferrari*, two persons eminent for their Piety; and suddenly to be enrolled in the Catalogue of Saints with the accustomed Solemnities, which may be performed the first Sunday after *Easter*.

In the same Consistory the Pope performed the Ceremony of Shutting and Opening the Mouth of Cardinal *Vincenzo Visconti*, and gave him the Title of *St Agnes*, formerly belonging to Cardinal *Barnese*; which ended several Vacant Bishopricks were proposed by their respective Cardinal Protectors, and disposed of.

On Thursday was held a Publick Consistory, wherein the Consistorial Advocates made Publick Speeches in Honour of the above-named Saints Candidate; and the Afternoon was spent by the Pope in Publick Audiences.

Vienna, March 30. Several persons lately arriving here from *Hungary*, inform us, as do also our Letters from those parts; and from *Traby*, that the Grand Seignior intended to dispossesse the Government of *Sevenbourgh* from the Duke *Abassi*, putting some other person in his room; against which the whole Dutchy had made their Protestsations, as being well satisfied with the present Government.

That the Turkes were every where making great preparation for war, intending to draw three Armies into the Field this Summer, with two of them to invade *Dalmatia*; to give the Republick of *Venice* a strong diversion; that they may be the less able to defend *Candia* from the Visier; the third Army to attend the Grand Seigniors Command, which tis feared may be designed to make some

disturbance in *Hungary*; they having already made a Bridge for the transportation of their forces.

The Levies granted by His Imperial Majesty to the Pope for the succor of *Candia*, will amount to about 3000 men; who are privately and without beat of Drum listed and taken in to service out of the Imperial Hereditary Countries onely; to whom tis believed may be joyned some other Companies.

About the beginning of the next Moneth may be sent from hence an Extraordinary Embassy to *Poland*; the Person being already named by His Imperial Majesty the Grave *Van Schafgotch*; and his Train designed to consist of 18 Footmen, 12 Pages, 6 Trampets, 4 Grooms of his Chamber, and 2 Masters of his Stable, and with him are to go many Gentlemen and Persons of Quality.

Frankfort, April 7. The Mediators for the Composition of the Differences between the Elector Palatine and the Duke of *Lorraine*, continue to confer together, for the putting a good end to that work; which tis believed will be done to their mutual satisfaction. The Prince Elector is in person passed the *Rhine*; and taken a view of all the most considerable places under his Jurisdiction; and to take off all future grounds of any farther Disputes, tis believed some satisfaction or equivalent may be proposed for the County of *Falkenstein*, which by the Electors Pretensions to the Right of *Wiltfang* is feudatory to him; though formerly sold by the Elector of *Mentz* to the Duke of *Lorraine*.

Some new Disputes have happened between the Elector of *Mentz* and the Prince Palatine, the former having upon pretence of a Toll made stop of several Vessels belonging to the Palatinate, in revenge whereof the Prince Electors people have pulled down some of the Offices for Tolls belonging to the Elector of *Mentz*, which tis feared may occasion new troubles.

Brussels, April 12. The French having furnished their Magazines with great store of Arms and other provisions for the War, appear now, more numerous than formerly in the places of their late Conquests, and according to our late advice have put near 2000 men into *Charleroy* above the usual and ordinary Garrison. His Most Christian Majesty has drawn also a considerable force together and encamped them near *Paris*, and tis said has a Design to give a Visit to the places lately gained in those parts.

On Thursday last the Council of State assembled, and having considered of the number of the French which are lately arrived in the New Conquests (though upon pretence onely of securing several of their Towns whilst they make considerable alterations in the Fortifications) have thought it fit that we so keep our selves upon our Guard as not to be surpris'd; and immediately issued our Orders to all Officers and soldiers in three dayes time to repair to their respective Garrisons and Colours.

We have lately intelligence that the Marquis d' *Humières* arrived the 30th past at his Government at *Lillo*, where he expects to be followed by 7000 men; who are to be quartered about the City; and also that 4 or 5000 are marching to wards *Dunkirke*, and as many for *Lamdrejcy*.

The Marquis *Spinola* Vedor Genéral is going suddenly for *France*, and with him Monsieur *Arnakaut* President of *Flanders*, by whom the Constable of *Castile* gives Her Catholic Majesty a full account of the present state of these Provinces, with the great necessity of being speedily supplied with Moneys for the defraying of the vast expences of the publick.

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